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SUBJ: RWANDA POSITION ON PRG/GRUNK RECOGNITION AND UN ASIAN

ISSUES

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. RWANDAN FONMIN INDICATES GOR POSITIONS
STILL QUESTIONABLE ON PRG-GRUNK RECOGNITION AND ASIAN
ISSUES. FONMIN UNGA POLICY GUIDELINES LEAVE SCOPE FOR
INTERPRETATIONS FAVORABLE PRG-GRUNK. RECOMMENDATION:
USUN DEL CONSULT RWANDAN DELSBZFENSURE IMPLICATIONS UNGA
PROCEDURAL AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS UNDERSTOOD. AF ASST
SECY EASUM (OR OTHER RANKING USG OFFICIAL) MEET WITH
FONMIN NSEKALIJE DURING UUGA. END SUMMARY

2. PRG/GRUNK RECOGNITION- I CALLED ON FONMIN NSEKALIJE
SEPT 17 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM MONTH-LONG TRIP TO
PEKING, PYONGYANG, BUCHAREST AND SEVERAL WESTERN CAPITALS.
I RAISED AS PRIORITY CTEM PENDING GOR STUDY PRG/GRUNK
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RECOGNITION. NSEKALIJE (ALERZED BY MY PREVIOUS VISIT TO

SECGEN (REFTEL A) AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE REQUEST FOR MEETING) STATES HE HAD REVIEWED MATTER WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AS PART OF TRIP DEBRIEFING AND WITHIN CONTEXT APPROACHING UNGA. NO GOR DECISIONS ON RECOGNITION HAD YET BEEN REACHED ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT HAD AGAIN COME UNDER PRESSURE ON SUBJECT DURING MEETING CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE IN BRAZZAVILLE SEPT. 1-2. IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS, PRESIDENT HAD REPEATED POSITION PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AT OAU SUMMIT IN MOGADISCIO I.E. GOR STUDYING ALL ELEMENTS OF SITUATION. FONMIN ADDED HE HAD TAKEN SAME LINE WITH PRC FONMIN CHI PENG-FEI DURING VISIT TO CHINA. (HE ALSO IMPLIED PRC HAD GIVEN HIM PAPER ON CAMBODIAN SITUATION WHICH PRESUMABLY GOES INTO GOR STUDY DOSSIER NEXT TO OURS).

3. UNGA ASIAN ISSUES-FONMIN OUTLINED FOLLOWING "GUIDELINES" HE HAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT ON UNGA ASIAN ISSUES:

A. CAMBODIA- "SUPPORT EFFORTS ESTABLISH PEACE, END BLOODSHED AND ESTABLISH RETURN TO NORMAL ECONOMIC LIFE WITHIN CONTEXT NATIONAL UNITY".

B. VIET-NAM- "RWANDA AS NON-ALIGNED STATE (WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL ETHNIC PROBLEM) HAVING RELATIONS BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA UNDERSTANDS PROBLEMS OF UNITY AND NEED FOR STATES SETTLE MATTERS WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE".

ADDITIONAL PROBING DID NOT ELICIT FURTHER CLARIFICATION. SUCH A GRAND OUTLINE PROBABLY DOES CONSTITUTE ESSENCE HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

4. I ALSO REFERRED INDIRECTLY TO INFO FROM OTHER CAPITALS THAT A GOR DECISION OR DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE ON RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT RVN AND GKR. FONMIN SAID GOR AMB NIZEYIMANA AND PEKING "KNOW SITUATION", BUT OTHER DO NOT. HE SPECIFICALLY SINGLED OUT GOR AMB TO US NIZEYIMANA AS ONE WHO WAS STILL "UNKNOWN".

5. UNGA APPROACH- DURING DISCUSSION, I STRESSED AGAIN IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH USG VIEWS INDO-CHINA ISSUES AND CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE GOR CONTINUING PURSUE ITS POLICY OF MODERATION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. SUCH AN IMAGE WAS IMPORTANT GOR ASSET IN MY FACILITATING USG RESPONSES ON OTHER MATTERS (READ ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE). FONMIN NOTED POINT AND SAID HIS UN SPEECH WOULD NOT TAKE USG "PARTICULARLY" TO TASK. HOWEVER, IT WOULD ALSO BE CONSISTENT WITH OAU THEMES AND AFRICAN UNITY. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA LOOKS TO AFRICAN MODERATES SUCH AS SENEGAL'S

PRESIDENT SENGHOR FOR LEADERSHIP. LYILE RWANDA IS A SMALL COUNTRY , GOR CAN BE "COURAGEOUS ON OCCASION".

6. COMMENT: FONMIN'S COMMENTS CONFIRM EMB BELIEF THAT REPORTS CONCERNING RWANDAN "DECISIONS" SUPPORT GKR AND RVN ARE OVERLY-OPTIMISTIC. IT ALSO APPARENT FONMIN'S BROAD INSTRUCTIONS LEAVE ROOM FOR POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS FAVORABLE GRUNK AND PRG INTERESTS. WE ALSO BELIEVE RWANDAN DEL MAY NOT CLOSELY FOLLOW SUBTLETIES SOPHISTICATED UN DEBATES ON THESE TOPICS.

7. RECOMMENDATION: USUN DEL SEEK OUT RWANDAN DEL TO ENSURE IT INFORMED IMPLICATIONS VARIOUS PROCEDURAL AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED. EMB HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS NOTED USUN DEL WILLINGNESS CONSULT AS PART INCREASED USG INTEREST IN AFRICA AS OUTLINED RECENTLY IN SECRETARY'S MEETING OAU AMBASSADORS AND STATE 181646. I ALSO RQCOMMEND THAT, IF FEASIBLE, ASSIST SECRETARY EASUM (OR OTHER KEY USG OFFICIAL) MEET WITH FONMIN NSEKALIJE AT UN. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCH A MEETING FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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